(ii) The State Government of Karnataka had conducted a study for the development of AEZ for floriculture in the districts of Bangalore (Rural & Urban), Belgaum, Coorg, Kolar and Tumkur.

Two AEZs have been set up in Tamil Nadu and one in Karnataka.

(iii) The Government of Kerala has also undertaken a feasibility study for development of AEZ for floriculture in the State.

(d) The measures taken to boost export of floriculture products include extension of transport assistance to exporters, cold storage facilities at airports in Delhi, Chennai, Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad and Thiruvananthapuram, and financial assistance to the registered exporters through plan schemes for Market Development, Infrastructure Development, Quality Development and Research & Development.

(e) and (f) Government has approved setting up of three market-cum-auction centers for floriculture. The details of these centers are given be-low:

(Rs. in crores)

Centre	Cost of the project	Grant sanctioned by Government
Bangalore	10.38	3.57
Mumbai	22.23	5.00
Noida (Uttar Pradesh)	12.00	3.50

Industrial incentive package to Gujarat

172. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to provide industrial incentive package particularly for Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) The Government has announced industrial incentive packages providing various fiscal concessions/incentives for the North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh & Uttaranchal. The package(s) for these States are hilly, remote and inaccessible, besides facing internal disturbances. As the State of Gujarat faces no such geographical adversities, there is no proposal to extend any incentives for industries.

Industrial Growth Centres in Tamil Nadu

173. SHRI N.R. GOVINDRAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many industrial growth centres have been opened in the country alongwith the number of such centres opened in Tamil Nadu;

(b) the funds provided by Government to the Industrial growth centres in Tamil Nadu during last three years; and

(c) the number of such centres proposed to be opened in future in Tamil Nadu?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) Under the Growth Centre Scheme, 71 Growth Centres have been sanctioned throughout the country. Out of these, three Growth Centres, namely; Erode (Periyar Distt.), Oragadam (Kancheepuram Distt.) and Gangai Kondan (Tirunelveli Distt.) have been allocated to the State of Tamil Nadu. No central assistance has been released to these Growth Centres during the last three years. There is no proposal to set any more Growth Centres in Tamil Nadu.

Annual Expenditure of MPEDA

174. SHRI V. HANUMATHA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the annual expenditure of MPEDA in 2003-04, 2004-05 and the projected expenditure in 2005-06; and

(b) what are the reasons for enhancing the budget?